



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION IX
75 Hawthorne Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

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VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Stephanie Ricci
RWD Associates, LLC
145 Corte Madera Town Ctr., #62
Corte Madera, CA. 94925

Re: General Notice of Potential Liability
Yosemite Creek Superfund Site
San Francisco County, California

Dear Ms. Ricci:

The United States Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") is spending public funds to investigate and respond to actual or threatened releases of hazardous substances, pollutants, and contaminants at the Yosemite Creek Superfund Site ("Site") which is located in San Francisco, California. Under Sections 106(a) and 107(a) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act ("CERCLA"), commonly known as Superfund, Potentially Responsible Parties ("PRPs") may be required to perform cleanup actions to protect public health, welfare, or the environment. PRPs may also be responsible for all costs incurred by EPA in responding to any release or threatened release at the Site. PRPs include current and former owners and operators of facilities at which hazardous substances were disposed of, persons who arranged for the disposal of hazardous substances at a facility ("generators"), and persons who accepted hazardous substances for transport to a facility ("transporters"). The purpose of this letter is to inform you that EPA considers RWD Associates, LLC to be a PRP at the Site and to begin discussions on actions to be taken at the Site.

Site Background

The Yosemite Creek Sediment Site, also known as the Yosemite Slough Site (and included in the definition of "Site" above), is an inlet channel tidally connected to central San Francisco Bay in southeastern San Francisco, California. The Site is located in San Francisco's Bayview-Hunters Point neighborhood between the Hunters Point Naval Shipyard to the north and the Candlestick Point State Recreational Area to the south. The boundary of the Yosemite Slough site includes

contaminated mud sediments in the 1,600-foot long slough channel (see Enclosure 1). In 2009, EPA collected and analyzed 191 sediment samples from 36 locations at depths of 0 to 5 feet throughout Yosemite Slough. Primary contaminants found in slough sediments are: Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCBs) and metals such as lead and mercury. Pursuant to CERCLA and its guiding regulations, EPA is preparing a report which identifies, analyzes, and recommends the preferred remedy for the contaminated sediments. EPA intends to issue its preliminary recommendations on Yosemite Slough and solicit public comment on those recommendations in 2013. EPA best case schedule indicates that Slough cleanup work would commence in the summer of 2015.

Based on inspection, permit and assessment records obtained from various local government agencies, RWD Associates, LLC was identified as having contributed to the contamination at the Yosemite Creek Site. The records obtained indicate that RWD Associates, LLC's facilities at 1205, 1301, 1375 and 1335-1339 Yosemite Avenue and 1296, 1320 and 1340 Armstrong Avenue, San Francisco, CA, 94124 were or are contaminated with contaminants also found in the Yosemite Slough sediments. EPA believes those contaminants have migrated from your properties to the slough through subsurface migration and/or surface runoff.

General Notice

For the reasons described above, EPA believes that RWD Associates, LLC has contributed to the hazardous substances which have come to be located at the Site. As a result, EPA considers RWD Associates, LLC to be a PRP at the Site as an owner.

EPA encourages good faith negotiations, as well as coordination among your company and the other parties who are potentially responsible for contamination at the Site. A PRP group is forming concerning this Site consisting of other PRPs who have previously received a letter from EPA notifying them of their potential liability at the Site. EPA encourages you to contact a spokesperson for the PRP group, to discuss you or your company's involvement with that group. The contact information for the PRP group spokesperson is:

Nicholas van Aelstyn
Beveridge & Diamond, P.C.
456 Montgomery Street, Suite 1800
San Francisco, CA 94104-1251
(415) 262-4008
email: NvanAelstyn@bdlaw.com

If the PRP Group agrees to perform the response activities that EPA determines are necessary at the Site, EPA will give the PRPs the opportunity to negotiate and enter into an administrative order on consent ("AOC") pursuant to Sections 104, 106, and 122 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. §§ 9604, 9606, and 9622, that sets forth the requirements for conducting the cleanup action. If the PRPs choose not enter into an AOC, EPA has the option of (1) ordering the PRPs to perform the work pursuant to a unilateral administrative order ("UAO") under Section 106 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9606, or (2) conducting the response action itself and seeking to recover the costs of the response from the PRPs pursuant to Section 107 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. § 9407.

Financial Concerns/Ability to Pay Settlements

EPA is aware that some PRPs may be unable to perform the required work or to fully pay the amount necessary to settle with EPA. If you believe, and can document, that you are financially unable to fully contribute to EPA's costs of the cleanup, please contact Abhik Dutta at the address given below for information on making a claim of inability to pay. You will be requested to submit financial information necessary for EPA to evaluate your ability-to-pay claim. Also, please note that because EPA has a potential claim against you, if your financial status changes in any significant way, such as your filing for bankruptcy, you must include EPA as a creditor.

Administrative Record

Pursuant to Section 113(k) of CERCLA, EPA must establish an administrative record file that contains documents that form the basis of EPA's decision on the selection of a response action for a site. The administrative record file, which contains the documents related to the response action selected for this Site, will be available to the public for inspection and comment later in 2013 during the above-referenced remedy selection process for the Site. The administrative record file for the Yosemite Creek Superfund Site will be available for inspection at EPA's Superfund Record Center located at 95 Hawthorne Street, 4th floor, San Francisco, CA.

Resources and Information for Small Businesses

As you may be aware, on January 11, 2002, President Bush signed into law the Superfund Small Business Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act. This Act contains several exemptions and defenses to CERCLA liability, which we suggest that all parties evaluate. You may obtain a copy of the law via the Internet at <http://www.epa.gov/enforcement/sbrefa.html> and review EPA guidances regarding these exemptions at <http://www.epa.gov/compliance/resources/policies/cleanup/superfund>. EPA has created a number of helpful resources for small businesses. EPA has established the National Compliance Assistance Clearinghouse as well as Compliance Assistance Centers which offer various forms of resources to small businesses. You may inquire about these resources at <http://www.epa.gov>. In addition, the EPA Small Business Ombudsman may be contacted at <http://www.epa.gov/sbo>.

Next Steps

Please provide EPA with the name, address, and telephone number of the person to whom EPA should direct future correspondence on behalf of your company. If you are already involved in discussions with State or local authorities, are engaged in voluntary clean-up action, or are

involved in a lawsuit regarding your facilities located at 1205, 1301, 1375 and 1335-1339 Yosemite Avenue and 1296, 1320 and 1340 Armstrong Avenue, San Francisco, CA, 94124, you should continue such activities as appropriate. This letter is not intended to advise you or to direct you to restrict or to discontinue any such activities; however, you are advised to report the status of those discussions or actions in your response to this letter, and to provide a copy of the response to any other parties involved in those discussions or actions.

Your response should be made in writing and submitted to EPA within thirty (30) days of receipt of this letter. Your response should be directed to:

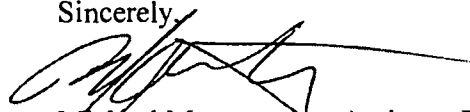
Abhik Dutta, Civil Investigator
U.S. EPA, Region 9
75 Hawthorne Street, SFD-7-5
San Francisco, California 94105

As stated above, EPA encourages you to contact the spokesperson for the Yosemite Slough PRP group, to discuss you or your company's involvement with that PRP group.

Later in 2013, EPA will announce its recommended cleanup response action for the Yosemite Slough Site and members of the general public will be encouraged to provide comment to EPA. As stated above, if the PRP Group agrees to perform the response activities that EPA determines are necessary at the Site, EPA will give the PRPs the opportunity to negotiate and enter into an AOC.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Mr. Dutta at (415) 972-3318 or you may send him an email at dutta.abhik@epa.gov. Questions regarding the Site's cleanup status should be directed to the Remedial Project Manager, Craig Cooper, at (415) 947-4148 or cooper.craig@epa.gov. Questions regarding legal matters can be directed to Thanne Cox at (415) 972-3908 or cox.elizabeth@epa.gov. Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



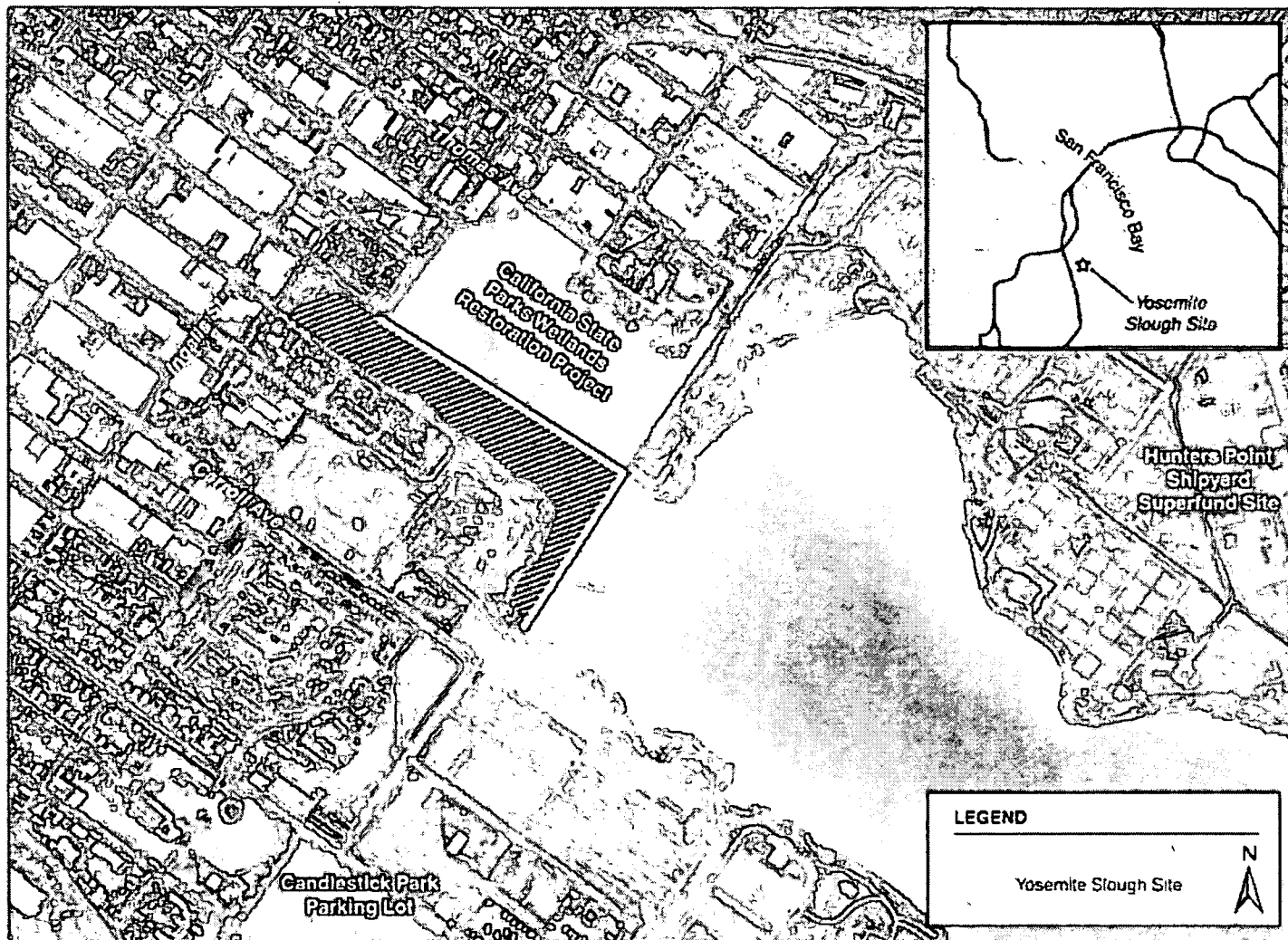
Michael Montgomery, Assistant Director
Federal Facilities & Site Cleanup Branch
Superfund Division

cc: Abhik Dutta, EPA
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Nicholas W. van Aelstyn, Beveridge & Diamond, P.C.
Elaine M O'Neil, City of San Francisco
Katherine Tobias, California Department of Parks and Recreation
Jim Thomas, Defense Logistics Agency, Office of Counsel
David Batson, EPA Convening Neutral

Enclosure 1: Approximate Yosemite Slough Site Boundary Area

Enclosure 2: General Notice Recipient List

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Enclosure 2
General Notice Letter Recipient List

Liabe Company	Generator / Operator Company
Aerojet-General Corporation	Aerojet Strategic Propulsion Co.
Chevron	Amsco Union Chemicals
Ashland, Inc.	Ashland Chemical Company (a division of Ashland, Inc.)
Honeywell	Baron Blakeslee, Inc. (Allied Signal)
San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District	Bay Area Rapid Transit District
Rochester Midland Corporation	Bytech Chemical
California Department of Parks and Recreation	California Department of Parks and Recreation
California State Lands Commission	California State Lands Commission
Dorsett & Jackson, Inc.	Carmona Chemical (Dorsett & Jackson)
Univar USA Inc.	Chem Central
Chevron Corporation	Chevron U.S.A., Inc.
The Coca-Cola Company	Coca-Cola USA
United States Defense Reutilization Marketing Service	Defense Property Disposal
Delta Air Lines, Inc.	Delta Air Lines, Inc.
Maxus Energy Corporation	Diamond Shamrock
The Dow Chemical Company	Dow Chemical
E.I. DuPont de Nemours & Co., Inc.	Dupont
Eureka Chemical Company	Eureka Chemical Company
Eureka Fluid Works	Eureka Fluid Works
ExxonMobil Corporation	Exxon Company, USA
Ford Motor Company	Ford Motor Company
General Motors Corporation	General Motors Corporation
Sequa Corporation	General Printing Ink (Sequa Corp.)
Gonzalez Bucket and Drum Company	Gonzalez Bucket and Drum Company
Great Western Chemical Company	Great Western Chemical Company
Haz/Control, Inc.	Haz/Control, Inc. (for South Bay Chemical, Inc.)
Hewlett-Packard Company	Hewlett Packard
Intel Corporation	Intel Corporation
International Paint, LLC	International Paint Co.
International Paper Company	International Paper Company (for Stecher-Traung- Schmidt)
Inter-State Oil Company	Interstate Oil
Kaiser Aluminum & Chemical Corp.	Kaiser Aluminum
Kelly Moore Paint Company, Inc.	Kelly Moore Paint Co. Inc
University of California	Lawrence Berkeley Lab
Northrop Grumman Corporation	Litton Industries
Lockheed Martin Corporation	Lockheed Missiles
McKesson HBOC, Incorporated	McKesson Chemical
Monsanto Company	Monsanto Company
Trimas Corporation Which Will Do Business in California as NI Industries, Inc.	Norris Industries (Riverbank Ammo plant)

Enclosure 2
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Liabe Company	Generator / Operator Company
The O'Brien Corporation	O'Brien Corp. (Fuller O'Brien Paints)
Nella Oil Company LLC	Olympian Oil Co.
Owens-Illinois, Inc.	Owen Illinois (Brockway Glass)
Pacific Gas & Electric Company	Pacific Gas & Electric Company
Peninsula Oil Company	Peninsula Oil Company
Pennzoil-Quaker State Company	Pennzoil Company
Puregro Company	Puregro Company
Pennzoil-Quaker State Company	Quaker State Oil
R.J. McLennan Company, Inc.	R.J. McGlennon Company, Inc. (MacLac)
Tyco Electronics	Raychem Corporation
Redding Petroleum, Inc.	Redding Petroleum aka Industrial Oil
Redwood Oil Company	Redwood Oil Company
Reichhold, Inc.	Reichhold Chemicals, Inc.
Alcoa	Reynolds Metals Company
Rohm & Haas Company	Rohm & Haas Company
Romic Environmental Technologies Corporation	Romic Chemical
RWD Associates, LLC	RWD Associates, LLC
Ingersoll-Rand Company	Schlage Lock
Shell Oil Company	Shell Oil
Simpson Coatings Group, Inc.	Simpson Coatings (Organic Coatings)
NL Industries, Inc.	Spencer Kellogg
Textron, Inc.	Spencer Kellogg
Stanford University	Stanford University
ITW PMI Investments, Inc.	Stero Company
Roche Palo Alto LLC	Syntex Labs
Tap Plastics, Inc.	Tap Plastics, Inc. (Chemco)
Pacific Scientific Energetic Materials Company	Teledyne
ICI Paints North America	The Glidden Co.
University of California	U.C. Regents
Chemcraft Coatings Technology, Inc.	U.S. Cellulose
Union City Chemicals Incorporated	Union City Chemicals
Chevron Corporation	Union Oil Company of California dba Unocal Corporation
United Air Lines, Inc.	United Air Lines, Inc.
United Technologies Corporation	United Technologies Corporation
University of California	Univ. of California, San Francisco
Univar USA Inc.	Van Waters & Rogers, Inc.
W.R. Grace & Company	W.R. Grace/Dewey Almy
W.R. Meadows, Inc.	W.R. Meadows, Inc.
WDC Liquidating Inc.	Waymire Drum Co.
Chemtura	Witco Corporation
Sandoz Agro, Inc.	Zoecon Corp.



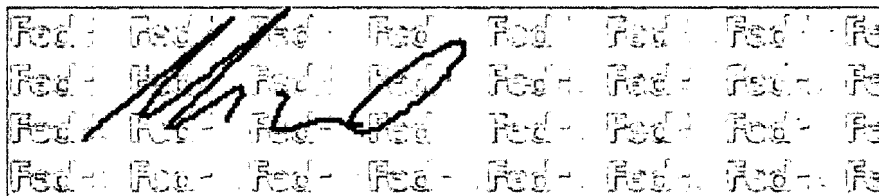
April 12, 2013

Dear Customer:

The following is the proof-of-delivery for tracking number **546221780028**.

Delivery Information:

Status:	Delivered	Delivered to:	Receptionist/Front Desk
Signed for by:	M.CORDARO	Delivery location:	145 CORTE MADERA TOWN CTR CORTE MADERA, CA 94925
Service type:	FedEx Priority Overnight	Delivery date:	Apr 8, 2013 10:15
Special Handling:	Deliver Weekday Direct Signature Required		



Shipping Information:

Tracking number:	546221780028	Ship date:	Apr 5, 2013
		Weight:	0.5 lbs/0.2 kg

Recipient:
Stephanie Ricci
RWD Associates

Shipper:
Yosemite Creek
Toeroek Associates, Inc.
1300 Clay Street
Suite 450
Oakland, CA 94612 US
9025-006

Reference

Thank you for choosing FedEx.

Ref: 9025-006
Dep:

Date: 05Apr13
Wgt: 1.00 LBS

DV:

SHIPPING:	5.18
SPECIAL:	3.44
HANDLING:	0.00
TOTAL:	8.62

Svcs: PRIORITY OVERNIGHT DSR
TRCK: 5462 2178 0028



April 12, 2013

Dear Customer:

The following is the proof-of-delivery for tracking number **546221780061**.

Delivery Information:

Status:	Delivered	Delivered to:	Receptionist/Front Desk
Signed for by:	A. CRUZ	Delivery location:	SAN FRANCISCO, CA
Service type:	FedEx Priority Overnight	Delivery date:	Apr 10, 2013 09:14
Special Handling:	Deliver Weekday		
	Direct Signature Required		

Signature image is available. In order to view image and detailed information, the shipper or payor account number of the shipment must be provided.

Shipping Information:

Tracking number:	546221780061	Ship date:	Apr 9, 2013
		Weight:	0.5 lbs/0.2 kg

Recipient:	Shipper:
SAN FRANCISCO, CA US	Oakland, CA US

Reference	9025-006
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Thank you for choosing FedEx.

CC. NICO VAN AELSTYN

Ref: 9025-006	Date: 09Apr13	SHIPPING:	5.18
Dep:	Wgt: 1.00 LBS	SPECIAL:	3.44
		HANDLING:	0.00
	DV: 0.00	TOTAL:	8.62

Svcs: PRIORITY OVERNIGHT DSR
TRCK: 5462 2178 0061



April 12, 2013

Dear Customer:

The following is the proof-of-delivery for tracking number **546221780072**.

Delivery Information:

Status:	Delivered	Delivered to:	Receptionist/Front Desk
Signed for by:	D.CARTER	Delivery location:	SAN FRANCISCO, CA
Service type:	FedEx Priority Overnight	Delivery date:	Apr 10, 2013 10:02
Special Handling:	Deliver Weekday		
	Direct Signature Required		

Signature image is available. In order to view image and detailed information, the shipper or payor account number of the shipment must be provided.

Shipping Information:

Tracking number:	546221780072	Ship date:	Apr 9, 2013
		Weight:	0.5 lbs/0.2 kg

Recipient:	Shipper:
SAN FRANCISCO, CA US	Oakland, CA US

Reference	9025-006
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Thank you for choosing FedEx.

CC: ELAINE O'NEIL

Ref: 9025-006
Dep:

Date: 09Apr-13
Wgt: 1.00 LBS

DV:

SHIPPING:	5.18
SPECIAL:	3.44
HANDLING:	0.00
TOTAL:	8.62

Svcs: PRIORITY OVERNIGHT DSR
TRCK: 5462 2178 0072



April 12, 2013

Dear Customer:

The following is the proof-of-delivery for tracking number **546221780083**.

Delivery Information:

Status:	Delivered	Delivered to:	Shipping/Receiving
Signed for by:	F.FREEMAN	Delivery location:	SACRAMENTO, CA
Service type:	FedEx Priority Overnight	Delivery date:	Apr 10, 2013 09:21
Special Handling:	Deliver Weekday		
	Direct Signature Required		

Signature image is available. In order to view image and detailed information, the shipper or payor account number of the shipment must be provided.

Shipping Information:

Tracking number:	546221780083	Ship date:	Apr 9, 2013
		Weight:	0.5 lbs/0.2 kg

Recipient:
SACRAMENTO, CA US

Shipper:
Oakland, CA US

Reference

9025-006

Thank you for choosing FedEx.

CC: KATHRYN TOBIAS

Ref: 9025-006
Dep:

Date: 09Apr13
Wgt: 1.00 LBS
DV:

SHIPPING:	5.18
SPECIAL:	3.44
HANDLING:	0.00
TOTAL:	8.62

Svcs: PRIORITY OVERNIGHT DSR
TRCK: 5462 2178 0083



April 12, 2013

Dear Customer:

The following is the proof-of-delivery for tracking number **546221780094**.

Delivery Information:

Status:	Delivered	Delivered to:	Receptionist/Front Desk
Signed for by:	A.BUTLER	Delivery location:	HILL A F B, UT
Service type:	FedEx Priority Overnight	Delivery date:	Apr 10, 2013 09:09
Special Handling:	Deliver Weekday		
	Direct Signature Required		

Signature image is available. In order to view image and detailed information, the shipper or payor account number of the shipment must be provided.

Shipping Information:

Tracking number:	546221780094	Ship date:	Apr 9, 2013
		Weight:	0.5 lbs/0.2 kg

Recipient:
HILL A F B, UT US

Shipper:
Oakland, CA US

Reference

9025-006

Thank you for choosing FedEx.

CC: JIM THOMAS

Ref: 9025-006
Dep:

Date: 09Apr13
Wgt: 1.00 LBS
DV:

SHIPPING:	5.18
SPECIAL:	3.44
HANDLING:	0.00
TOTAL:	8.62

Svcs: PRIORITY OVERNIGHT DSR
TRCK: 5462 2178 0094



April 12, 2013

Dear Customer:

The following is the proof-of-delivery for tracking number **546221780109**.

Delivery Information:

Status:	Delivered	Delivered to:	Residence
Signed for by:	.BATSONN	Delivery location:	CHEVY CHASE, MD
Service type:	FedEx Priority Overnight	Delivery date:	Apr 11, 2013 14:22
Special Handling:	Deliver Weekday		
	Residential Delivery		
	Direct Signature Required		

Signature image is available. In order to view image and detailed information, the shipper or payor account number of the shipment must be provided.

Shipping Information:

Tracking number:	546221780109	Ship date:	Apr 9, 2013
		Weight:	0.5 lbs/0.2 kg

Recipient:
CHEVY CHASE, MD US

Shipper:
Oakland, CA US

Reference 9025-006

Thank you for choosing FedEx.

CC: DAVID BATSON

Ref: 9025-006
Dep:

Date: 09Apr13
Wgt: 1.00 LBS
DV:

SHIPPING:	5.18
SPECIAL:	3.44
HANDLING:	0.00
TOTAL:	8.62

Svcs: PRIORITY OVERNIGHT DSR
TRCK: 5462 2178 0109